

# WOODHAM WALTER PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Sir

The latest documents relating to the Maldon District Local Development Plan Consultation were discussed at our meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

Councillors have instructed me to make the following response to the consultation:

- Object to Policy H6 Provision for Gypsy and Travellers. Concern that little has changed with the policy considering this was the reason the document was found to be unsound by the original inspector. Woodham Walter Parish Council seeks reassurance that the Wood Corner site will not be intensified or expanded. The policy states that it will look first at existing sites but Wood Corner at 20 pitches is already in excess of the recommended maximum size and by far larger than any other site in the District; this should be acknowledged in the LDP. Wood Corner and Woodham Walter should be offered protection from future expansion or intensification which would be detrimental to both the very successful and well-integrated site and the village as a whole.
- Policy S2. The focus of the document change appears to be on central Maldon, Heybridge and Burnham areas. Whilst acknowledging infrastructure constraints there is no reference to the impact as it affects the outlying villages and what measures are proposed in mitigation. The increase in the level of vehicle movements on the A414 and through Hatfield Peverel will significantly impact on villages such as Woodham Walter as vehicles seek alternative routes and shortcuts - there is no provision for dealing with this. In addition, the likely significant increase in vehicle movements on the A414 and B1019 will drastically impact on the access for villagers to/from Woodham Walter. The document offers insufficient emphasis and thought to highways issues.
- Policy I2. There is a major concern at the inadequacy of sustainable transport connections to shopping centres and mainline stations that will be exasperated by the apparent lack of provision of infrastructure improvements.

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- Concern is expressed at the provision for expansion at the Plume School to avoid over-capacity. Pupils from outlying villages such as Woodham Walter by reason of their distance to the school will be disadvantaged and may find it difficult to secure a place in their catchment school.
- Concern is expressed with the current over-capacity of Doctors' surgeries and the apparent inconclusiveness of the document changes to ensure that healthcare provision will be adequate not only for the town areas BUT also the outlying villages. This includes hospital services. No timetable is provided for upgrade.
- Criminality is increasing and no consideration has been afforded to mitigate this.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment.

Yours faithfully

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Parish Clerk